

Table K-2: Estimates of Average Annual Populations of U.S. Cattle (Thousand Head)^a

Livestock Type	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Calves 0-6 months	22,561	22,531	22,707	23,004	23,346	23,468	23,255	22,810	22,674	22,655	22,564
Dairy											
Cows	10,015	9,965	9,728	9,658	9,528	9,487	9,416	9,309	9,191	9,133	9,190
Replacements 7-11 months	1,214	1,219	1,232	1,230	1,228	1,220	1,205	1,182	1,194	1,188	1,194
Replacements 12-23 months	2,915	2,874	2,901	2,926	2,907	2,905	2,877	2,838	2,797	2,846	2,811
Beef											
Cows	32,454	32,520	33,007	33,365	34,650	35,156	35,228	34,271	33,683	33,745	33,569
Replacements 7-11 months	1,269	1,315	1,402	1,465	1,529	1,492	1,462	1,378	1,321	1,303	1,313
Replacements 12-23 months	2,967	3,063	3,182	3,393	3,592	3,647	3,526	3,391	3,212	3,110	3,097
Steer Stockers	7,864	7,362	8,458	8,786	7,900	8,700	8,322	7,839	7,647	7,203	6,798
Heifer Stockers	4,806	4,572	4,809	4,944	4,715	5,083	4,933	4,987	4,838	4,671	4,407
Total Adjusted Feedlot ^b	10,574	10,461	10,409	9,901	10,775	11,344	11,353	11,528	11,517	12,858	12,774
Bulls	2,180	2,198	2,220	2,239	2,306	2,392	2,392	2,325	2,235	2,241	2,197
Total Placements ^{c,d}	25,587	25,396	25,348	25,586	26,615	27,623	27,580	28,518	27,111	29,424	27,921

Source: Enteric Fermentation Model.

^a Populations represent the average of each population category throughout the year.^b Total Adjusted Feedlot = Average number in feedlots accounting for current year plus the population carried over from the previous year (e.g., the “next year” population numbers from this table are added into the following years “adjusted numbers”).^c Placements represent a flow of animals from backgrounding situations to feedlots rather than an average annual population estimate.^d Reported placements from USDA are adjusted using a scaling factor based on the slaughter to placement ratio.